

Appl. No. 10/525,525
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Amendments made to the specification.

Please amend the following paragraph on page 18 of the specification starting at line 9 through line 24 to read as follows:

-- A table and a graph shown in the figure show a variation in printing blur amount in accordance with various ratios (m_2/m_1) of the static friction coefficient m_2 between the sheet 22 and the contact element 35 to the static friction coefficient m_1 between the platen drum 23 and the sheet (a size of 127mm by 89mm). In the experimental example, when $m_1 = 0.8$, m_2 is changed variously. In the first printed sheet, the twenty-fifth printed sheet and the fiftieth printed sheet, a change in deviation is chased after. Since an ink ribbon clutch (not shown) for winding up and driving an ink ribbon is driven to make a torque constant, the tension of the ribbon tends to be changed with a change of the number of windings (the diameter of the wound ribbon) of the ribbon. As a result, it is considered that the tension of the ribbon is changed with the change of the number of printed sheets. The allowable deviation amount is set to 75 [[mm]] μm, which is the limit value of the deviation amount not providing an unpleasant sense when an image is a full color print is seen with naked eyes. Usually, in a case of a high-precision color printer, since the ability of human eyes to identify white and black is 50 mm, the deviation amount is set to be 75 [[mm]] μm in a case of a color image. --